

Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God.

Note from Mrs Richardson

The first few weeks have been fantastic. The children have all adjusted well to new routines and classrooms and are enjoying learning again in the classroom.

We have had to send one class home to self-isolate since the start of term but they were well supported by Mr Cox and were able to continue with their learning from home.

One challenge has been ensuring continuity in the 'bubbles' when staff have had to self-isolate. If a teacher must self-isolate, they may teach some lessons remotely from home whilst being supported by an adult in the classroom.

I have been so proud of our school community as everyone has worked together in a supportive and positive way to do the best for our children during this pandemic.

Thank you for your patience and good will as we continue to find ways forward together.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Our 2020-21 Head Girl and Head Boy have been chosen as Penny and Caleb. They have both agreed to take on this important role. Many thanks.



Language Day

Mrs Roby organised some fun and interesting activities on 'Language Day' on 8th October with a focus on Europe and, in particular, Switzerland.

In KS1, children learnt how to say hello in different languages, they made flags and constructed famous landmarks of Europe. In KS2 children learnt more about the different parts of Switzerland, looked at menus and made Venetian masks.

Lots of children booked a European school dinner – most popular choice – pizza!

'Light Up' Rainford

We love the idea of bringing a little light into our autumn days, as suggested by one of our parents. Our Christmas lights will be twinkling in support.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available for sale in classrooms from Monday 12th October. Prices range from 50p to £1.50

School Fund

The Covid-19 situation is impacting heavily on our school funds. We have many extra costs with a smaller than usual income.

As we are unable to do our usual fund-raising events this year we are looking at ways to raise money for much needed resources for the children.

Non-Uniform Days

We hope to hold one non-uniform day each half term. Children will be able to come in their own clothes for a £1 donation.

Film Nights

As we are unable to do school discos or whole key stage film nights, we are planning to hold a film night for each class over the year. Children will be able to vote for a film from a selected list and come in their pyjamas. The cost would be £2 entry.

We understand many families are under financial pressure at this time but hope you will support us where you can.

School Uniform

After the half term break, the winter uniform should be worn: a shirt and tie rather than a polo shirt. Many thanks.



Dojo Messages

We have asked parents to contact teachers via Dojo to avoid talking at the school door. However, this has resulted in a massive number of personal messages that teachers are having to deal with daily. This is adding significantly to workload when teachers' workload has already increased with new ways of working required by the current pandemic, for example preparing and uploading materials for children self-isolating.

I understand that parents really appreciate constant connection with teachers via the system but this has become unmanageable.

We will be able to receive Dojo messages which we will acknowledge. However, teachers will not be expected to respond in length to parents in this way.

Teachers will wear masks at drop off and pick up times for very brief, urgent messages at the door.

Autumn parents' meetings are being arranged via TEAMS. This information has been sent separately.

Children's birthdays

We have been thinking about how we can make a child's birthday special when it is on a day when they have to come into school. Just for this year, with Covid restrictions, if a child's birthday is on a school day then they can wear their own clothes for that day. This is instead of sending in sweets as we are trying to limit things being brought in from home. Thanks for your support.



Residential Trips

In the summer term, we had to cancel our Year 4 trip to Conway.... and our Year 6 trip to PGL due to the lockdown.

Parents received a full refund.

However, the school will not be in a position to refund deposits this year and as we cannot guarantee that residential would not be cancelled due to Covid, we are not booking any residential trips.

We usually offer three residential trips: in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. This offers three opportunities for children to go on a residential trip during a child's time in the school.

Because we have so many residential usually, it means that all our children will have had the opportunity to attend at least one trip over their time in the school.

Last year, Y6 were unable to attend PGL or have a Leavers' Disco but had a fantastic send off. We intend to ensure our current Y6 have brilliant experiences also.

Swimming Y4-6

Due to current restrictions, we plan to send one class at a time swimming over this year rather than a whole year group. This means children will remain with their 'bubble' on the coach and at the pool. We hope to begin with Class 11 on 9th November. Children will be able to change in and out of costumes at Selwyn Jones Centre. Class 10 will begin after the Christmas break and Class 9 after Spring half term break.

Children in Need

We are hoping to do some sports activities linked to some online fundraising for Children in Need this year. More details to follow.

One-way system reminder

Please can all parents only use the Linear Bank Close gate as an exit from the school grounds please. This is to help keep each other safe. Thank you

Parked car

Thanks to the many parents who communicated with the school regarding the parked white van with the masks in the front seats. The police were made aware and parents are being vigilant to anything unusual in the area. Many thanks.